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0-2	International Filing Date	
0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	
0-4	Form PCT/RO/101 PCT Request	
0-4-1	Prepared Using	PCT-SAFE Version 3.50 (Build 0002.173)
0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	Korean Intellectual Property Office (RO/KR)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	05FLWW114
I	Title of Invention	CONDENSING APPARATUS OF DISH WASHER
II	Applicant	
II-1	This person is	applicant only
II-2	Applicant for	all designated States except US
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IV-1	Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence The person identified below is hereby/ has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:	agent
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IV-1-5	e-mail	mail@sunyoungpat.com
IV-1-6	Agent's registration No.	9-1998-000616-9
V	DESIGNATIONS	
V-1	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.	
V-2	Item V-2 may be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of an earlier national application from which priority is claimed. As to the consequences of such national law provisions in these and certain other States, see Designations in PCT-SAFE Help.	KR
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application	
VI-1-1	Filing date	12 October 2004 (12.10.2004)
VI-1-2	Number	10-2004-0081272
VI-1-3	Country	KR
VI-2	Priority document request The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	Austrian Patent Office (ISA/AT)

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VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	
IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	4	
IX-2	Description	8	✓
IX-3	Claims	3	✓
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	4	✓
IX-7	TOTAL	20	✓
	Accompanying Items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	-	
IX-9	Original separate power of attorney	-	✓
IX-11	Copy of general power of attorney	-	✓
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract		-
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	Korean	
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative		
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X-1-2	Name of signatory		
X-1-3	Capacity		

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10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported international application	
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10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later, but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/AT
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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0-1	PCT Power of Attorney (for an international application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty) (PCT Rule 90.4)	
0-1-1	Prepared Using	PCT-SAFE Version 3.50 (Build 0002.173)
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1-2	as	agent
1-3	to represent the undersigned before	all the competent International Authorities
1-4	In connection with the international application identified below:	
1-4-1	Title of invention	CONDENSING APPARATUS OF DISH WASHER
1-4-2	Applicant's or agent's file reference	05FLWW114
1-4-3	International application number (if already available)	
1-4-4	filed with the following Office as receiving Office	Korean Intellectual Property Office (RO/KR)
1-5	and to make or receive payments on behalf of the undersigned	

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2-1-2	Name of signatory	
2-1-3	Capacity	
3	Date	06 October 2005 (06.10.2005)

PCT (ANNEX - FEE CALCULATION SHEET)

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0-1	International Application No.	
0-2	Date stamp of the receiving Office	
0-4	Form PCT/RO/101 (Annex)	
0-4-1	PCT Fee Calculation Sheet Prepared Using	PCT-SAFE Version 3.50 (Build 0002.173)
0-9	Applicant's or agent's file reference	05FLWW114
2	Applicant	LG ELECTRONICS, INC.
12	Calculation of prescribed fees	
12-1	Transmittal fee T	⇒
12-2-1	Search fee S	⇒
12-2-2	International search to be carried out by	AT
12-3	International filing fee (first 30 sheets) H	1126000
12-4	Remaining sheets	0
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12-14	Fee for priority document	870000
	Number of priority documents requested	1
12-15	Fee per document (X) 0	
12-16	Total priority document fee: P	⇒
12-17	TOTAL FEES PAYABLE (T+S+I+P)	⇒
12-18	Mode of payment	1179000
		cash

13-2-1	Validation messages Request	Green? A translation of the int'l application into (one of) the following language(s) must be furnished within one month of the date of receipt by the receiving Office: German, English, French
	Validation messages Request	Green? Please note that the entire request (including the title of invention) must be in English
13-2-2	Validation messages States	Green? Please note that the following States have NOT been designated: KR.
13-2-7	Validation messages Contents	Green? Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract not specified. Please verify.
	Validation messages Contents	Green? Reference number for attached copy of general power of attorney not indicated.
13-2-8	Validation messages Fees	Green? Please verify that modified fee amounts are correct.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 05FLWW114	FOR FURTHER ACTION <small>see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small>	
International application No. PCT/KR 2005/003318	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 6 October 2005 (06.10.2005)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 12 October 2004 (12.10.2004)
Applicant LG ELECTRONICS INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see continuation of this first sheet.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (see continuation of this first sheet)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see continuation of this first sheet)

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in the continuation of this first sheet. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☒ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

Continuation of first sheet

Continuation No. IV:

Text of the abstract

(Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A condensing apparatus of a dish washer (100) is provided. The condensing apparatus includes a blower (210) and an air duct (200). The blower (210) suctions vapor from inside a tub (110) of the dish washer. The air duct (200) is connected to the blower (210), and has a vapor passage (207) formed therein through which the vapor flows and in which condensed water is formed. The vapor passage (207) has a ridge (203) formed thereon to stop the condensed water.

INTERN. ONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/KR 2005/003318

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: A47L 15/48

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC⁷: A47LDocumentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
---Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US5337500 A (ENOKIZONO) 16 August 1994 (16.08.1994) <i>abstract, figure 1.</i>	1, 2, 5, 7-10, 13, 15-17, 19, 20
Y	DE19946456 A1 (BSH BOSCH SIEMENS HAUSGERAETE GMBH) 5 April 2001 (05.04.2001) <i>abstract, figures 1-5.</i>	1, 2, 5, 7-10, 13, 15-17, 19, 20
Y	DE3538305 A1 (BOSCH-SIEMENS HAUSGERAETE GMBH) 30 April 1987 (30.04.1987) <i>abstract, figures 2, 3.</i>	1, 2, 7-10, 15- 17, 20

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date

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Date of the actual completion of the international search
30 December 2006 (30.12.2006)Date of mailing of the international search report
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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	DE10023346 A1 (DIEHL AKO STIFTUNG GMBH & CO) 15 November 2001 (15.11.2001) <i>abstract, figures 1-3.</i>	5, 13, 19
Y	DE8026939 U1 (BOSCH-SIEMENS HAUSGERAETE GMBH) 18 March 1982 (18.03.1982) <i>figure 2.</i>	5, 13

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report			Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
DE	A	10023346		US A1 2003140517 PL A1 361313 ES T3 2225535T WO A2 0185003 EP A2 1284627 DE D1 50103120D	2003-07-31 2004-10-04 2005-03-16 2001-11-15 2003-02-26 2004-09-09
DE	A1	19946456	2001-04-05	none	
DE	A1	3538305	1987-04-30	FR A1 2589056	1987-04-30
DE	A	8026939U1		none	
US	A	5337500	1994-08-16	GB A 2263969 JP A 5211978	1993-08-11 1993-08-24

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Date of mailing 13 January 2006 (13.01.2006)
(day/month/year)

Applicant's or agent's file reference
05FLWW114

FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

International application No.
PCT/KR 2005/003318

International filing date (day/month/year)
6 October 2005 (06.10.2005)

Priority Date (day/month/year)
12 October 2004 (12.10.2004)

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
A47L 15/48

Applicant

LG ELECTRONICS INC.

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Cont. No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Cont. No. II Priority
- ☐ Cont. No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Cont. No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Cont. No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Cont. No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Cont. No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Cont. No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1 bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-20

Claims ---

YES

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 18

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-10, 13, 15-17, 19, 20

YES

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-20

Claims ---

YES

NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The following documents have been cited in the Search Report:

D1: US5337500 A
D2: DE19946456 A1
D3: DE3538305 A1
D4: DE10023346 A1
D5: DE8026939 U1

Documents D1 and D2 disclose a condensing apparatus of a dishwasher for condensing vapour inside a dish washer tub comprising a blower for suctioning the vapour from inside the tub and an air duct connected to the blower and forming a vapour passage for circulating the vapour and generating condensed water, according to the characteristic features of claims 1, 9 and 16.

Document D3 discloses a condensing apparatus of a dishwasher comprising a vapour passage including a ridge formed thereon for stopping the condensed water according to claims 1, 9 and 16.

For a man skilled in the art it is obvious to combine one of the documents D1 and D2 with document D3. Therefore the subject matter of claims 1, 9 and 16 is novel with respect to each

one of the documents D1 – D3, but does not involve an inventive step according to a combination of either D1 or D2 with D3.

Document D3 further discloses a condensing apparatus comprising a vapour passage forming a meander line according to claims 2, 10 and 17.

Documents D1 and D2 also show a condenser fan and a dryer fan according to the features of claims 7 and 15, which are driven together by a single motor according to claims 8 and 20.

Therefore the subject matter of claims 2, 10 and 17, respectively 7, 8, 15 and 20 is novel with respect to each one of the documents D1 – D3, but does not involve an inventive step according to a combination of either D1 or D2 with D3.

Documents D4 and D5 further disclose a condensing apparatus wherein the air duct includes a condensed water discharge port and a split type vapour exhaust port, according to claims 5 and 13. D4 also shows that the condensed water discharge port is lower than the vapour exhaust port, according to claim 19.

Therefore the subject matter of claims 5, 13 and 19 is novel with respect to each one of the documents D1 – D5, but does not involve an inventive step according to a combination of either D1 or D2 with document D4, respectively D5.

Consequently it has to be considered that only the subject matter of claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14 and 18 is novel with respect to each one of the prior art documents and also involves an inventive step according to these documents.

Industrial applicability is given.

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